



July 2015

Borderland State Park

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Park Website: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/dcr/massparks/region-south/borderland-state-park.html>

All programs are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted. \$5 per car parking fee (\$6 for non-MA license plates).

All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations are available upon request.

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm The Ames and Women's Rights 4:00 - 4:30pm | 4 Kids Mansion Tour 1:00pm – 1:30pm Mansion Tour: Of Governors & Generals 3:00-3:30pm 4:00-4:30pm |
| 5 Explore Nature: Ponding 1:00-2:00pm Mansion Tour: Building a Home 3:00– 3:30pm 4:00-4:30pm | 6 Fishing at Borderland 5:00-7:00pm | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm Mansion Tour: Partners in Love & Work 4:00 - 4:30pm | 11 Kids Mansion Tour 1:00pm – 1:30pm Movie in the Mansion: Up 6:00pm |
| 12 Explore Nature: Geology Hike 1:00-2:00pm Mansion Tour: A Portrait of an Artist 3:00-3:30pm 4:00-4:30pm | 13 Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land 1:00-1:30pm Fishing at Borderland 5:00-7:00pm | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm | 18 Kids Mansion Tour 1:00pm – 1:30pm |
| 19 Friends of Borderland Ames Mansion Tour 1:00-3:00pm Gift Shop 1:00-3:00pm | 20 Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone 1:00-1:30pm Fishing at Borderland 5:00-7:00pm | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Off the Beaten Path Hike 1:00pm - 2:30pm Mansion Tour: Partners in Love & Work 4:00 - 4:30pm | 25 Shakespeare in the Park: Romeo & Juliet 4:00pm |
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Program Descriptions

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| Architecture Tour: A Story in Stone | The Ames Mansion was built over 100 years ago. Designed by Blanche Ames herself, the Mansion features many modern conveniences for its time. Explore the exterior of the Ames Mansion and learn about its construction on this 30-minute outdoor tour. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain cancels. |
| Garden Tour: Secret Treasures of the Land | In the early 1900s, rock gardens were all the rage! Harvard botanist, Oakes Ames enjoyed spending time in this garden featuring many different types of plants, as well as interesting rock features and a fountain. DCR and the Friends of Borderland have spent the last few years working to rehabilitate the rock garden, and it looks great! Learn all about the gardens of the Ames Mansion as well as the recent restoration efforts. For adults and older children. All Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of mansion. Rain cancels. |
| Mansion Tour: The Ameses and Women's Rights | Did you know that 100 years ago, when the Ames Mansion was built, women did not have the right to vote? Oakes and Blanche Ames's involvement in the struggle for women's rights helped pass the 19 th Amendment to the US Constitution on August 18, 1920. During this 30-minute guided tour of the first floor of the Ames Mansion, you will learn about their women's suffrage efforts and view some of Blanche's suffrage artwork and political cartoons. First floor only. For adults and older children. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain or shine. |
| Kids Mansion Tour | What would it be like to be a kid living in this mansion? Learn about the Ames family and the four children who grew up in this beautiful mansion. Great for families with younger kids to explore the first floor of the mansion. Join the Park interpreter for this 15-minute tour, which will conclude with an old fashion activity behind the mansion (weather permitting). Meet in front of the mansion. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Rain or shine. |
| Mansion Tour: Building a Home | Come get a look at the fully furnished interior of the Ames Mansion, including the ornate two-story library. On this 30 minute tour, explore the history of the family and the house itself. First floor only. For adults and older children. Meet in front of the Ames Mansion. Rain or shine. |
| Mansion Tour: Of Governors and Generals | Did you know that Blanche and Oakes Ames are related to many politicians and military war heroes? To understand a family, one must look back at previous generations. The Ames Family and their relatives played an intrinsic role in shaping the state of Massachusetts and the Nation. Join the Park Interpreter for a 30-minute guided tour learning about the Ames family involvement in war and in politics. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Mansion. Rain or Shine. |
| Mansion Tour: <i>Partners in Love & Work</i> | Oakes and Blanche Ames were partners in every aspect of their lives. They worked together raising a family, building a home, in Blanches' work in the suffrage movement and in Oakes botany work. No matter the task at hand, Blanche and Oakes passions were blurred together creating this true partnership. Learn about how they complimented each other in love and in their work on this 30-minute first floor tour. For adults and older children. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Mansion. Rain or Shine. |

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| Fishing at Borderland | Fishing is a great outdoor activity for families and friends. We will meet every Monday night from 5:00pm – 7:00pm at Puds Pond throughout the summer. We will supply the bait and fishing poles, bring your own if you would like. Great for ALL ages and ALL skill levels. All children must be accompanied by an adult. *Note: We open the gate on Mountain Street specifically for this event, to allow families to park at the Tisdale site and walk (about a 10 minute walk) to Puds Pond. See site on trail map: http://www.mass.gov/eea/images/dcr/parks/trailmaps/borderland-trailmap.gif . For more information please call the park at (508) 238-6566. Downpours cancel. |
| Explore Nature Series | <p>This program will be offered most Sunday afternoons. We'll explore the natural world of Borderland State Park with guided walks, games and activities. For children and curious adults; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ponding: Using nets and buckets, let's catch some of the critters who live in Leach Pond. We will then determine the water quality in Leach Pond using a tally of the types of animals we find. Wear shoes and clothes that can get wet. For children and curious adults; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels. • Geology Hike - Join us for an easy to moderate hike to see some boulders, and together we will learn how these boulders got where they are today. Along the way we will see some old stone walls, so let's use our detective skills and figure out why there are stone walls in the middle of the woods. For children and curious adults; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels. • Stonewall Secrets - How did all these stonewalls get into the woods? Who made them? And why? Learn about the history of the stonewalls that criss-cross Borderland State Park as well as the animals who use them today. For children and curious adults; all children must be accompanied by an adult. Meet in front of the Visitor Center. Rain cancels. • |
| The Long Hike | Hike to the hardly visited northern-most point of Borderland State Park on this 5-mile, moderately paced recreational hike. We'll hike to the Morse Loop and enjoy a snack on the shores of the beautiful and peaceful Dead Swamp Pond. For adults and older children. Wear sturdy shoes and bring plenty of water, as well as a snack to eat at the pond. Meet at Visitor Center. Rain cancels. |
| Off the Beaten Path Hike | Explore the trails less traveled on this 3- to 4-mile informative and recreational hike. Route and theme varies weekly. Dress for the weather, bring water, and wear bug repellent. Hike is easy to moderate in difficulty. For adults and older children. Meet at the Visitor Center. Downpour cancels. |
| Friends of Borderland Ames Mansion Tours | Explore the history of the Ames Mansion while supporting Friends of Borderland State Park! Volunteer guides conduct tours of all three floors of this stately home of Oakes and Blanche Ames. Tours run about every 20 minutes. Maximum of 15 people per tour. For all ages. The Friends accept donations. Meet in front of mansion. Sponsored by Friends of Borderland. Rain or shine. www.friendsofborderland.org |

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| Gift Shop at the Ames Mansion | The gift shop will be open during the Friends of Borderlands Mansion Tours from 1:00pm to 3:00pm. Volunteers will staff the gift shop and all sales will benefit the Friends of Borderland. Cash, check or credit cards will be accepted. www.friendsofborderland.org |
| Shakespeare in the Park: “Romeo & Juliet” | The Striving Artists Theatre Company is back at Borderland, and they will perform Shakespeare’s “Romeo & Juliet”. This is a free show; children must be accompanied by an adult. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic. Donations will be accepted. Meet behind the Ames Mansion. Rain Cancels. For more information, please call 508-238-6566 or visit: http://www.strivingartists.org |
| Movie in the Mansion: “UP” | Join the Friends of Borderland as we present the Disney family movie, “UP”. The Friends along with the park staff will transform the two-story library into an old fashion movie theatre. Space is limited call Paul or Ellenor to reserve your seat at 508-238-6566. Rain or Shine! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Snacks will be provided, donations will be accepted. www.friendsofborderland.org |